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FROM

BOTH HOVSES

OF

Parliament

Sent to YORKE to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, the 28. of March 1642.

With his Majeſties Letter to the Lord Keeper, in anſwer to the ſame, Dated March the laſt. 1642.

Sabbati 2. of April, 1642.

Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, that the Meſſage of both Houſes to his Majeſty, dated 28. of March, 1642. *That the Earle of Warwicke might command this Summers Fleet, in chiefe under the Lord Admirall: and his Majeſties Anſwer thereunto, ſhall be forthwith printed and publiſhed.*

Iohn Browne, Cler. Parliament.

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May it please Your Majesty,

THE Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, having found it necessary to provide, and set to Sea a strong and powerfull Navy for the defence of this Kingdom against forrain force & the security of your other dominions, the charge whereof is to be borne by the Common-wealth, and taking notice of the indisposition of the Lord Admirall, which disables him at this time for commanding the fleet in his owne person, did thereupon recommend unto his Lordship, the Earle of Warwicke (a person of such quality and ability as in whom they might best confide) to supply his Lordships roome for this imployment, and understanding that your Majesty hath since signified your pleasure concerning that command to Sir *John Pennington*, wee doe hold it our duty

to repreſent unto your Majeſty, the great danger and miſchiefe the Common-wealth is like to ſuſtaine by ſuch interruption.

And therefore doe humbly beſeech your Majeſty that the perſon recommended by both Houſes of Parliament for this ſervice, may no longer bee detained from it out of any particular reſpect to any other perſon whatſoever.

TO

To our Right truſty and welbeloved Counſellor, *Edward* Lord *Littleton*, Keeper of our Great Seale of ENGLAND.

RIght truſty and welbeloved Counſellour, we greet you well: we wonderboth at the forme and matter of that incloſed Paper ye ſent Us, (in the name of both Houſe of Parliament, in yours of the 28. of March) it beng neither by way of Petition, Declaration, or Leter, and for the matter, Wee beleeve it is the firſt tine that the houſes of Parliament have taken upon thm the nomination or recommendatiõ of the chieffea Commander; but it ads to the wonder, that Sir *Iohn Pennington* being already appointed by Us for that ſervice, upon the recommendation of our Admirall, (which is ſo well known that none can be ignorant of it) and no fault ſo much as alledged againſt him, another ſhould be recommended to Us: Therefore Our Reſolution upon this poynt is, that Wee will not alter him, whom we have already appoin-

ted to command this yeares Fleet, whose every way ſufficiency is ſo univerſally knowne, the which We are aſſured Our Counſell (if there ſhall bee occaſion) will make moſt evident (againſt whoſe Teſtimony We ſuppoſe our Parliament will not except) and though there were yet none appointed, or the ſaid Sir John (through ſome accident) not able to performe the ſervice, yet the men of that Profeſſion, are ſo well knowne to Us, (beſides many other Reaſons) that your Admirall accepted becauſe of his place) Recommendation of that kind, would not be acceptable to Us.

Given at Our Court at Yorke, *the laſt of* March, 1642.

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